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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed English and, in some cases, non-English documents are attached.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, an English language version of an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the

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listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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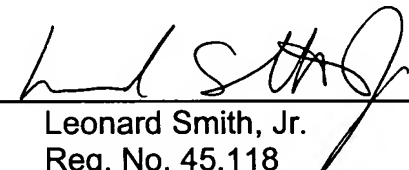
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

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